

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore, followed by Senator Scofield.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise, of course, to support this amendment. This amendment is a compromise. Now we have all been in the body long enough to know that there comes a point in time where a compromise is the best way to get part of what you want. Now, granted, it may only be part of what you want. Senator Lynch has said, time and time again, and I respect him, that his motives and his reasons for this bill are to save lives. Now we have had facts and figures on both end of the scales so there is really no reason to go into those. The fact of the matter is that a vote for this amendment would indeed be a compromise, and I will tell you who has come on this compromise, the people that have come to the middle ground have been people like me who are "principally" opposed, and once again I apologize, Senator Korshoj, for using that word but that is where my opposition comes from. This amendment is the middle ground that some facts, some facts would point out would accomplish just as much in your goal of saving lives while at the same time, as Senator Landis has pointed out, not necessarily going against the spirit of principle in tying the two issues with the seat belts, because as with seat belts, this body in its infinite wisdom has required those I believe 5-year old and younger with a child restraint. That was probably a compromise at some point in time and this amendment makes just as much sense. I think it is, as I said, you know sometimes I wonder why last...and I will tell you the reason I was so emotionally charged the last time I spoke on this issue. The situation is that Senator Lynch believes in this bill very strongly. I really don't. As a matter of principle, I am opposed to it but I don't let it cloud my views on other bills. The fact of the matter that I was so upset last time that I spoke is something that goes on time and time again in here because it is politics, but LB 428 was going to be used as hostage on another bill, and that upset me to no end. That is not the way I want to do business. I think you try to take an issue, isolate it, and do what is right and wrong, but don't use it as meat, as blackmail for other issues. That is why I was upset. That is why I am still a little hot under the collar because of a telephone call I received this morning. The fact of the matter is this is a compromise. This is a compromise that probably would get 45 votes, you know, would let the bill get 45 votes. I think those that are for a full helmet law that would not vote for this if it becomes the bill, you have been